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Dear Sir:

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Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection with the above-identified patent application:

1. Complete specification and claims.

15 pages Specification

6 pages claims

1 page Abstract

2. Unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).

3. 6 sheets of drawings.

- 4. Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449
- 5. Cited references
- 6. File Data Sheet

The filing fee is not enclosed with this communication. Pursuant to 35 USC § 111 and 37 CFR §§ 1.53(b) and 1.53(f), the filing fee, executed Declaration and executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (if applicable) will be filed separately.

A filing date under 37 CFR §§ 1.10(b) and 1.53(b) of <u>June 20, 2001</u> is respectfully requested. The enclosed materials are being sent "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" as of the date of this letter.

Yours very truly,

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